

The Watchman and Southron

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EXAMINE YOUR DATES.

We request each of our subscribers to examine the address on this paper, and particularly to observe the date upon it. This date shows the time up to which the paper has been paid for. Many of our subscribers will not see that they have paid in advance; and there are many others who will discover that they have not.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

To Rent—Dwelling.
Dog Legs—C. H. Jones.
Sibley's Seeds—Biram Sibley.
At Auction—Chas. McCafferty.
Estate of Isaac McLaughlin—Executors' Notice.
Holiday Notice—The Simonds National Bank of Sumter.
Annual Election—The Simonds National Bank of Sumter.
Notice of Caroline I. Mayes—Notice to Debtors and Creditors.

Personal.

Mr. Eddie V. Green is on a visit to Charleston.
Mr. Wm. J. Corbett has returned to Atlanta.
Mr. Robert Burns, now of Alabama, is at home on a visit.
Mr. Horace Hensby is again out West on a horse and mule hunt.
Mr. Jos. E. Backus of Bishopville is reported to be very sick with pneumonia.
Prof. Wm. Hayworth, who has been teaching in Clarendon County, is home on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Davis, of New York, are on a visit to Mrs. O. H. Moss, the mother of Mrs. D.
Our worthy citizen, Mr. C. M. Hurst, who has been quite unwell, is out and at his post of duty.

Mrs. J. Knox Corbett and child, from Tucson, Arizona, are on a visit to her husband's parents here.
Our esteemed friend, Mr. Moultrie DeLoach, has been quite unwell, but we are glad to hear that he is some better now.

Mr. T. M. McCutchen, Jr., and Miss Mary McCutchen, of Williamsburg, are visiting friends in this County.

Mrs. Moody (formerly Miss Pritchard Little) has moved to Sumter and her father, the Rev. Mr. Little and family will live with her.

Mr. Franklin A. Folsom, of Charlotte, N. C., is in Sumter on a short visit. Mr. Folsom has a host of friends in Sumter and they are always glad to see him.

Mr. Wm. M. Graham has been West for several days, and as a consequence several car loads of horses and mules came in late last night, and more are expected.

Miss Alma Breeden, of Bennettsville, who has been on a visit to the family of Mr. T. B. Jenkins, returned home this morning. She was accompanied by Miss Leila Edwards and Miss Mary Washington.

Mr. John Montgomery, George Hayes, W. A. Stuckey, Baylis Barle and Hamilton Cooper from the S. C. College, and Mr. Frank K. Winn, from Fort Mill, are at home for the holidays.

Dr. J. A. Mood won the prize the other evening at the Church Festival for being the most popular physician in the city, and Miss Clem China carried off the prize for being the most popular young lady in the ball.

Miss Mamie Huggins left Sumter yesterday for Darlington, where she has gone to visit on a couple. Miss Huggins has a host of friends in Darlington who esteem her highly for her many charming ways and excellent qualities.

Mr. D. H. Witherspoon, editor and proprietor of the *Clarendon Enterprise* was in town on last Thursday and paid us a visit. Mr. Witherspoon is a bright and genial companion and his visits to this office are always appreciated.

We were pleased to receive a visit yesterday from our young friend, E. M. Wilson, son of Mr. H. H. Wilson, of Mayesville, and who has been living in Wainsboro for several years past. He has been on a visit to his father.

Mr. Shepley Nash, principal of the Bishopville High School, and also one of the editors and proprietors of the *Bishopville Enterprise* was in Sumter yesterday and called to see us. Mr. Nash is a young man of culture and refinement, and the town of Bishopville has good reasons to be proud of him.

Capt. Freeland has moved into his handsome new residence.

See notice of sale of Texas Ponies to take place on next Monday, Jan. 2.

Mr. A. C. H. Kopf, his mother and his sister have moved into their new residence on the corner of Main and Water Streets.

The largest and finest turkeys we have seen anywhere this season were left at our office on last Saturday by Mr. E. W. Dabbs. Mr. Dabbs is pre-eminently a typical farmer. He raises in a diversified way. He grows and produces fine cotton and corn, but other commodities of the finest kind.

Upon the recovery of a lost Gold Bracelet, a reward will be paid for the same at this office.

Lost.
Our Town Clerk and Treasurer, Mr. C. M. Hurst, received the following telegram from the Weather Bureau this morning:

Joint Cold Wave Signal. Temperature will fall twenty degrees or more by 7 a. m. Thursday.

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Men with Hearts.
Messrs. O'Donnell & Co. are men with hearts and who know how to appreciate the faithful services of good salesmen. On Christmas eve every salesman in the employ of this firm received a handsome Christmas present.

Masonic Celebration.
St. John's day was celebrated by Clarendon Lodge last night. An address was delivered by Past Grand Master J. F. Llar, of Orangeburg, and those who enjoyed it say that the supper to which about fifty brethren sat down was the best they have attended. Representatives of Salem and St. Peter's Lodges were in attendance.

Balloon Ascension.
A grand balloon ascension will take place in front of F. J. O'Connor's to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. O'Connor is a rising young merchant and this balloon ascension will be symbolic of the fact, although that was the last idea that entered his head when he made the arrangements several weeks ago to give the little children something to look at by the method devised for that purpose. Come one, come all, and see the sight.

Home-Raised.
A waiter full of delicious and delicious fruit, consisting of oranges and bananas, was sent to this office yesterday morning by Mrs. A. J. China. These are home-raised and are perfect in every respect. It is well known that one of the best cultivated gardens in this section of the State is that of Dr. A. J. China. In it plants both beautiful and excellent are gardened, and abound in the greatest variety, and there, also, bloom and luxuriate, as though children of the native soil, some rare exotics that owe no credit to their native climate. If there is any truth in the old proverb that "by the fruit you shall judge the tree," we would pronounce the trees that produced the fruit sent to us yesterday morning as good in the superior degree.

Art Exhibition.
On last Wednesday evening the halls of the Sumter Institute were beautifully decorated with holly, mistletoe and flowers and were filled with a large number of friends and patrons who had been invited to inspect the work of the pupils in the Art department. The exhibit embraced in tree, hand drawing, straight lines, drawings in flowers, fruit and landscape, Paintings in Oil—landscape, birds and flowers, Luster Painting, on felt and velvet, Tapestry Painting, Hammered brass in various studies—4 pieces: The Stock, Cupids and two representing human figures.

The occasion was much enjoyed by all. Some of the work was exceedingly well done, and many compliments were bestowed upon the pupils and their teacher, Mrs. Jackson.

Married.

At residence of bride's parents on Thursday, Dec. 22, 1887, by Rev. J. S. Beasley, Miss Leila G. Spain to Mr. J. K. Bradford.

Deaths.

On the 23d inst., at the residence of Mr. Neil O'Donnell, Miss Mary Miller, of Springfield, Ohio, aged 18 years.

Our friend and former townsman, Mr. Joel E. Brunson, of Kingstree, has lately been severely afflicted by the death of two of his children, within a few days, from congestion of the lungs—the effects of measles. On Dec. 16th, Julius, aged about 18 months, and on the 21st, Edgar, aged three years, died. The bodies were brought to Sumter Cemetery for interment. Others of Mr. Brunson's children have been ill but at last accounts were improving.

Mr. M. M. Pugh, relict of the late Ezra Pugh, of this County, died at his late home in Darlington County, on last Monday morning, the 26th, aged 72. The remains were brought to Sumter and interred in the family burial lot at Bethel Baptist Church in Private.

Religious.

Rev. W. B. Duncan will preach at Jordan at 11 o'clock, A. M., and at Lewis Chapel at 4 o'clock, P. M., on the first Sunday in January, 1888.

A Delightful Dance.

The dance given at German Hall on last Monday evening by the young men of this city was in every respect a success, and it was enjoyed to the fullest extent by all present.

Worth Seeing.

The great variety of articles contained in the windows of the store of Messrs. G. L. & C. W. Kingman and the arrangement of same is a sight to behold. Messrs. Kingman are not only attracting attention for the variety of their stock on hand, but for the low prices for which they are sold.

Leap Year Hop.

There will be a grand Leap Year Hop given at Moore's Hall on next Tuesday evening at Lancaster, S. C. This will be a swell affair. A good many in this County have been invited and in all probability the most of them will attend. We are indebted to Miss Larena McIlwain for an invitation to this Hop.

Dividend for the Creditors of the Sumter Bank.

A telegram dated Washington, Dec. 24, says: The comptroller of the currency has declared a dividend of five per cent on the stock of the creditors of the National Bank of Sumter, S. C., on claims proved amounting to \$11,265.

A Love of an Eve.

The beautiful and spacious parlors of Dr. W. W. Anderson, of Stateburg, presented a most charming picture on last evening. All was life and gaiety. The effect was enchanting. It was a love of an eve. The fair and goodly company, the music, the soft and dreamy music, and the intoxicating pleasures of the evening were enjoyed till the wee hours of rosy morn.

The German of the Season.

A most delightful german was given at the residence of Mrs. J. A. Alston on last Monday evening in honor of Miss Annie Irvine and Erin Sanders, of Greenville, S. C. This was an elegant and grand entertainment, and was unquestionably the german of the season. We regret that we have not space to give the names of the ladies present and their costumes.

Railroad Prizes.

The awarding of annual prizes to the three best sections on the Columbia Division of the A. C. Line has just taken place and resulted as follows: 1st \$70 to G. W. Stokes, Wedgefield; 2d \$50 to W. E. Reddick, Columbia; and 3d \$30 to L. M. Rembert, Sumter. The Columbia Division embraces the roads from Columbia to Florence, and from Florence to Sumter and Florence to Wadesboro. This is the third time Mr. Rembert has taken one of these prizes, which fact is good evidence of his faithful and careful attention to his duty.

Big Day at Panola.

The Christmas Festival to be given at Panola, Clarendon County, on to-morrow promises to be a grand affair. Gov. Richardson, Col. Rice and other gentlemen have been asked to be present and to deliver addresses. The Hampton Light Dragoons, the Connor Mounted Rifles and the Manning Guards will be out in full uniforms. Besides the addresses by distinguished gentlemen, and the military pageants, there will be a series of military games, and a grand entertainment, and a grand evening by the military ball at the residence of Mr. J. M. Richardson. Quite a number of ladies are expected from Camden, Sumter and elsewhere, and a large crowd will most certainly be gathered to enjoy the festivities.

Burned to Death.

Three colored children, two of them the children of Frank Miller, who lives in the outskirts of Mayesville, and the third one a nephew of his wife, were burned to death the night of December 24th. From the evidence brought out by the coroner, it was shown that the mother left home about 12 o'clock, and went to the village to get things for Christmas, and loaded around the street till after midnight. Her husband, Frank, was at home at sundown, and after putting the children to bed went to the village to attend to some business; expecting to return in a short time, and while absent the fire occurred. No positive proof of criminal negligence was brought out, but there is no doubt the parents were seriously to blame. The colored people may not know that it is a crime which deserves a severe punishment for them to leave children locked in their houses at night. In this case, however, no proof was attainable of the house being locked, and consequently no arrests were made.

Another Laurel in his Bright Record.

The bill introduced into the House last week, requiring Insurance Companies to pay the full cash value of all destroyed property insured by them excited a good deal of interest. The speech of the Hon. Altamont Moses against this bill has been pronounced by the oldest and ablest representatives in the House as the very embodiment of common-sense, and of deep insight into the practical knowledge of affairs as they exist between man and man. Such golden opinions entertained by the leaders of the State for the ability of our worthy and faithful representatives are duly appreciated by the citizens of Sumter County.

It is a known fact that Mr. Moses never talks for the sake of making known his presence. He is a man that looks at results, and therefore, when he opposed or advocated a measure in the House every word uttered was listened to with the deepest interest.

Mr. Moses has been a conspicuous figure in the committee room where the most important and hardest work is done during the sitting of any legislative body.

The Rose Osborne Co.

This troupe will appear at Music Hall on Monday evening, January 2, in "Forget-Me-Not." It is a large company with full orchestra, and is thus spoken of by the *Washington Star* of the 17th, Dec.

A good-size audience appeared at Opera House last night to witness the rendition of "L'Article 47," with Miss Rose Osborne, as Cora, the Creole. Miss Osborne not only gained her good reputation of the previous night, but firmly established it by the natural and graceful manner in which she sustained her part.

Mr. J. A. Miller's impersonation of George Duhamel met with general approval and was a credit to the performance.

The character of Potain was favorably rendered by Mr. Henry Todd, who received many plaudits.

The music, which justly represents an important feature in the play, was excellent throughout, and the specialties were frequently enjoyed.

The first piece was followed by a one-act farce which evoked great laughter.

The company will give another performance on Wednesday evening, and this afternoon will be followed by the presentation of a doll to one of the little beauties in the audience. They will close their engagement this evening by presenting "Fortune's Fool." The play is a popular and well-known comedy with the pronounced success of Miss Osborne should draw a crowded house.

Crowded Out.

An interesting letter from Gov. and a letter from the State Die.

Scientific American.

Every week this most valuable periodical presents whatever is new in the world of science, art, and manufactures. Full of practical information, it discloses to the thoughtful not only what has been ascertained, but also suggests the possibilities still to be revealed. For forty years Munn & Co. have conducted this paper in connection with the procuring of patents for new inventions. The *Scientific American* is authority on all scientific and mechanical subjects, and should be in every household. Copies of the paper may be sent at this office and subscription received.

Opening of the Florence Rail Road.

A circular from the Atlantic Coast Line, Freight and Passenger Department, dated Wilmington N. C., Dec. 22d, 1887, says:

Commencing Dec. 26th, 1887, the Florence Rail Road will be opened for Freight and Passenger Traffic to Stations named below. It extends from Pee Dee Junction on Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Rail Road to Dillon, S. C., a distance of 18 miles.

Stations are as follows:

Sellers, S. C., distant from Pee Dee Junction, 6 miles; Latta, S. C., 11; Dillon, S. C., 18 miles.

A Christmas Tree.

GIN BRANCH, S. C., Dec. 26, 1887.

Mr. Editor: On the 24th instant the patrons of Gin Branch Sunday School gave the children of same a Christmas Tree on which hung fruit and candies in abundance, and, also, a grand variety of other handsome presents. Mr. Bramlett, the Superintendent, and Mr. N. A. Barnes, Secretary of the school, exerted themselves no little to make the evening one of unalloyed pleasure to all present. This occasion will long be remembered by the dear little children for whose benefit and pleasure the Christmas Tree was given. W. L.

IN MEMORIAM.

Worshipful John B. Johnston, Past Master Salem Lodge No. 141.

Not a month has elapsed since the members of Salem Lodge at their regular Communication, had selected by a unanimous vote, as their presiding officer for the coming Masonic year, one of their number; loved as a tree and loyal brother, respected for the faithful and correct appreciation and observance of the tenets of our profession, and particularly esteemed for the zealous and efficient manner with which he had wielded the Master's gavel for the previous terms.

This compliment, ever the highest that can be paid by a Lodge, had, under the circumstances, a peculiarly tender significance, from the fact that at the time, the brother so honored was, as was fondly hoped, rapidly recovering from a severe attack of illness, and it was not only an expression of confidence in his judgment and ability, but also a token of joy at the hope of his restoration to health, and to a long career of usefulness in the order he loved, and had so faithfully served.

And we well looked forward to the day when our brother would again take his seat in the Oriental Chair and again hold the position he had already filled with honor to himself and pleasure and profit to the craft. But the Great Master of all, inscrutable in his purposes, but unerring in his designs, has seen fit to rule otherwise; and on this day, when we hoped to hail our brother as Worshipful Master of our Lodge, we instead are called upon to lay the cypress wreath upon his coffin and pay the last and sad tribute of affectionate regard to his memory.

Our Worshipful Brother, John B. Johnston was born in Ireland in the year 1846, came to the United States and moved to the neighborhood of Mayesville in 1871.

On the 15th day of August, 1872, he applied to Salem Lodge No. 141, for initiation into the mysteries of Free Masonry. Having been duly elected, he received the E. A. degree on the 12th September, and was passed to the degree of F. C. on the 10th October, and was raised to the sublime degree of M. M. on the 14th November, and from that time until his untimely removal by the hand of the great Ruffian, Death, was an active member of the Lodge, constant in his attendance, earnest in his work, and unswerving in the discharge of any duty imposed upon him.

Having served in various subordinate chairs, he was on the 1st December, 1881, elected to the office of Worshipful Master, which he held for two terms, with equal credit to himself, gratification to his brethren, and usefulness to the Lodge.

But while remembering with pleasure (although, alas! saddened by the thought that he is forever removed from among us) his wise and judicious control of the Lodge during his term of office, we turn with a gentler, tenderer retrospect to his amiable and genial disposition, his warm and liberal charity, and his cheerful affectionate demeanor to each of us.

Correct in judgment; aggressive but courteous in debate; firm in opinion but willing to yield to conviction; true as steel to the landmarks, principles and tenets of our order, what officer of Salem Lodge will not feel the need of his faithful, efficient support? What member will not miss his sustaining hand, his earnest voice for the right, his warm grasp and word of gratulation or sympathy, his fraternal affection alike for craft and craftsman?

And now we sadly lay our brother to his final rest—for us the last—the close—the farewell!

But the Spirit of Masonry, commencing the lesson at the ground floor; passing over the winding stairway to the Middle Chamber; moving along the corridors in the Grand Lodge, best with every step and danger, lifts the Mystic Veil that shuts from us the great Hereafter, and points to a grander, nobler, mystery still!

In the sublime words of our Grand Master of old, "A time to come is prepared—sorrows are passed—and in the end is shewed the treasure of immortality!"

So with unflinching trust in the power and mercy of the Great Architect, we leave in His hands the spirit of our friend and brother, hoping for him all the joys and glories of the Supreme Lodge above, when the weary craftsman lays down his working tools, and exchanges the labor of earth for the eternal refreshments of Heaven!

But while we bow to the fiat of Him "who doeth all things well" it is proper that we should express and place upon record our esteem for our deceased brother, our sorrow at his removal from among us, and that we should tender our sympathy to those who, bound to him by the closest ties of kindred, are so sorely afflicted by his death. But let us therefore

Resolved, That in the death of our beloved brother, Worshipful John B. Johnston, Past Master and Master elect, the members of Salem Lodge feel that they have lost a tried and efficient officer, a faithful and zealous craftsman, and an affectionate brother and friend.

Resolved, That a page in the Minute Book be inscribed with the name, rank, and Masonic rank of our late brother, and be dedicated to his memory.

Resolved, That the jewels and furniture of the Lodge be draped in mourning for one Masonic year.

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial and resolution be sent to the family of the deceased brother, with the assurance of our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow and affliction.

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be sent to the *Watchman and Southron* and to the *Sumter Advance* for publication.

H. DICKSON CORBETT, Master and Past Master.

E. N. COOPER, P. M.; J. H. WILSON, P. M.; Committee Salem Lodge No. 141 A. F. M.

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FOR THE BALANCE OF THE SEASON AT

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It's the power that moves the machinery of this great and busy world. It has been termed the "Root of all evil", and yet everybody will acknowledge it is the source of much good.

Investments frequently result in loss and disappointment. Sometimes, however, the returns are decidedly profitable. Buyers who come to

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will realize there is no speculation in our offers. Everything will be square in the interest of purchasers. Never have we transacted such an enormous business in our various departments as during the present season. We ask every sensible man or woman what does this wonderful increase mean if it does not evidence the practical truth that

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best serve the interest of their patrons, not only as regards the Quality of Goods but in the Quotation of Lowest Prices.

It is totally unnecessary to enumerate prices, for it has already become the household talk of the entire community or we would do so. Neither are we going to write a very lengthy advertisement this week.

J. Ryttenberg & Sons,

SUMTER, S. C.

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Fine and Medium Overcoats, Dress Suits, Business Suits, Medium and Plantation Suits, Extra Pants for Plantation Wear, and a lot of Boys', Youths' and Children's Suits, Overcoats and Extra Pants, also Extra Sized Suits and Pants for Stout Men

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Big lot of Undershirts, 25 cts. up. Big lot Canton Flannel Drawers and the largest line of Piece Goods, Cassimeres, N. C. and Georgia Tweeds and Jeans in the Sumter Market.

Gloves! Gloves! Job Lots at Less Than Cost!

Socks, Shirts, Neckwear, Valises, Linen and Silk Handkerchiefs, Fine Wove and Scarlet Flannel Shirts and Drawers. Hats, soft and stiff, Boys' and Men's, &c., &c.

All of the Above Goods Must be Closed Out and Will be Sold Regardless of Profit!

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Nov. 30.

SUMTER, S. C.

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&c., &c.

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Executor in charge.

Nov 16

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